

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the achievements of an outstanding Missourian who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the law enforcement profession; and

**Whereas**, Detective Mike Fowler has retired from the Independence Police Department following a long and illustrious career spanning more than three decades; and

**Whereas**, Detective Fowler commenced his career with the Independence Police Department as a patrol officer in March 1973, and was assigned to the detective unit by April 1975; and

**Whereas**, Detective Fowler became a member of the Metro Squad in the 1980s and worked cases involving missing persons from 1979 to 1994; and

**Whereas**, also during his impressive tenure with the Independence Police Department, Detective Fowler served as an escort and host to various dignitaries as they visited Independence, a few of which include Leon Jaworski, special prosecutor of Watergate, Surgeon General C. Edward Koop, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, and First Ladies Betty Ford, Rosalyn Carter, and Margaret “Bess” Truman; and

**Whereas**, the citizens of Independence have experienced the benefits of safety and protection in their lives thanks to the dedication of such extraordinary officers as Detective Fowler who has distinguished himself by the skilled, courageous, and efficient service he has rendered to the Independence Police Department; and

**Whereas**, Detective Fowler was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service to the community by the Independence City Council on May 1, 2004; and

**Whereas**, Mike Fowler has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Cindy; two children, Ross and Megan; and one daughter-in-law, Carey, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into his life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Independence Police Department in expressing our most sincere appreciation to Detective Mike Fowler for his thirty years of uncommon service and in wishing him the long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Detective Mike Fowler.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Paul LeVota  
District No. 52

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3455, adopted June 22, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker